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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kevin Quarterman

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 24 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 November 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment and remarks received 04 November 2005 have been entered and overcome the objections cited in the previous office action mailed 04 May 2005.

Drawings

2. The replacement-drawings were received on 04 November 2005. These drawings are acceptable.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 24 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim, or amend the claim to place the claim in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim in independent form. Claim 24 depends upon independent claim 22. Independent claim 22 includes a limitation of a plurality of auxiliary electrodes containing the silver alloy contained in the conducting lines. Independent claim 22 also includes the particular contents of the silver alloy. Claim 24 includes a limitation of the silver alloy contained in the auxiliary electrodes including the same particular contents of the silver alloy already recited in independent claim 22.
4. Thus, claim 24 does not further limit the subject matter of claim 22 because it merely repeats limitations already included in independent claim 22.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-26 are allowed.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding independent claim 1, the prior art of record neither shows or suggests a silver alloy used in an organic electroluminescent panel comprising, in addition to other limitations of the claim, 80 to 99.8 mol% of silver; 0.1 to 10 mol% of copper; and 0.1 to 10 mol% of at least one transition metal selected from the group consisting of palladium, magnesium, gold, platinum, and the combinations thereof, wherein the total mole percentage of the silver alloy is 100 mol%. Due to their dependency upon independent claim 1, claims 2-3 are also allowable for the reasons cited above.

7. Regarding independent claim 4, the prior art of record neither shows or suggests an organic electroluminescent panel comprising, in addition to other limitations of the claim, a silver alloy contained in a conducting lines having 80 to 99.8 mol% of silver; 0.1 to 10 mol% of copper; and 0.1 to 10 mol% of at least one transition metal selected from the group consisting of palladium, magnesium, gold, platinum, and the combinations thereof, wherein the total mole percentage of the silver alloy is 100 mol%. Due to their dependency upon independent claim 4, claims 5-21 are also allowable for the reasons cited above.

8. Regarding independent claim 22, the prior art of record neither shows or suggests an organic electroluminescent panel comprising, in addition to other limitations of the claim, a silver alloy contained in a conducting lines having 80 to 99.8 mol% of

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silver; 0.1 to 10 mol% of copper; and 0.1 to 10 mol% of at least one transition metal selected from the group consisting of palladium, magnesium, gold, platinum, and the combinations thereof, wherein the total mole percentage of the silver alloy is 100 mol%. Due to their dependency upon independent claim 22, claims 23-26 are also allowable for the reasons cited above.

9. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Conclusion

10. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters cited earlier in this office action:

11. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

12. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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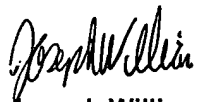
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Quarterman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2461. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH (7-5:30).

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